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For: Method And Device For Evaluating During Drilling  
The Capacity of Well Fluids To Form Hydrates

Group:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the efficiency of an  
anti-hydrate additive is tested by adding it to said fluid sample in determined  
proportions.

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein T1 and T2 are 20°C and  
35°C respectively.